

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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AMENDED STANDING ORDER REGARDING
ATTORNEY FEES IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

CHARLENE J. KENNEDY, CLERK
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If there is no objection raised by a party in interest, in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after June 1, 1992, and prior to June 1, 1996, the Court will normally approve a fee for the attorney for the debtor of up to \$1,000; in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after June 1, 1996, and prior to September 1, 2000, the Court will normally approve a fee for the attorney for the debtor of up to \$1,300; in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after September 1, 2000, and prior to January 1, 2005, the Court will normally approve a fee for the attorney for the debtor of up to \$1,500; and, in Chapter 13 cases filed on or after January 1, 2005, the Court will normally approve a fee for the attorney for the debtor of up to \$1,700.

The fee approved by the Court is on the basis that the scope of representation by the attorney includes both pre-confirmation and post-confirmation representation of the debtor. Basically, once an attorney sets a fee and files a petition for the debtor, the Court expects the attorney to represent conscientiously the debtor until the debtor is granted a discharge or the case is dismissed.

No additional fee is to be sought from the debtor or accepted by the attorney without prior Court approval.

In large business cases or in cases involving an inordinate amount of time, the Court will consider a request for a fee in excess of the aforesaid amounts.

This order amends the standing orders regarding attorney fees in Chapter 13 cases which were entered on May 27, 1992; May 1, 1996; and August 11, 2000.

SO ORDERED this the 12th day of November, 2004.


EDWARD R. GAINES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE


EDWARD ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE